

## ALLIES EXPECTED TO INCLUDE TERMS IN REPLY TO NOTE

## MEX PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SOLVED

Further Conference to Settle the Disputed Points in Relations of Two Countries is Probable.

## PERSHING'S TROOPS TO BE ORDERED HOME SOON

Carranza's Failure to Sign Protocol Due to Fact He Had Never Recognized Presence of Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Termination of the conference of the American-Mexican joint commission, withdrawal of the Pershing column, and the resumption of some form of conference to settle the disputed points in the relations between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico is understood to be the program of the administration.

It is confidently expected that the action of the American section of the joint commission today will bring to an end the deliberations of body. Gen. Carranza has rejected the Atlantic City protocol because it provided specifically an arrangement concerning the withdrawal of the Pershing column. As he has never officially recognized his presence on Mexican soil, he felt that it would jeopardize his control of the de facto government of Mexico to sign the protocol.

Plans Not Forfeited.  
It is practically certain that the plans of the administration to recall Gen. Pershing from Mexico were not forced by the insistence of the de facto government, but by the fact, made clear by administration officials and by Americans in Mexico, that the continued presence of the American troops would result eventually in the overthrow of Carranza. This would lead to control of small portions of Mexico by various elements in Mexico, with none of whom the administration could deal.

Once the troops are out, it was pointed out today, arrangements for adequate border protection and for the protection of Americans and their property in Mexico can be discussed. It is generally understood here that another attempt to adjust these points will be made through the medium of a special committee of Americans and Carranzistas.

Fletcher to Leave Soon.  
Dispatching Ambassador Fletcher to his post, expected now at any time, coupled with the withdrawal of the American column, will go far toward smoothing the troubled feelings of the de facto officials of Mexico. Officials here are frank in stating that the withdrawal of Ambassador-Designate Arredondo, although under the guise of a temporary absence, remove another obstacle toward establishing a better basis for negotiations with the Carranza government.

It is not to be expected that announcement of the Pershing withdrawal will be made immediately. Unofficially and in formal arrangements with the Mexican de facto government to occupy the territory evacuated by Gen. Pershing must be tested before this step is taken, army officials said today.

JOHN VILLA ARMY.  
EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 3.—Attacked by Villistas at Los Medanos, 500 Carranzistas sent south from Juarez, deserted to the commands of Cols. Ochoa and Tames, according to word received here today.

This defection brings the number of Villistas between Juarez and Chihuahua City up to about 10,000 men. They are in position to cut off Gen. Murguia's escape north from the capital.

Villistas sympathizers here predict another attack on Chihuahua today by the forces of Gen. Salazar.

## TWO WOMEN RUN DOWN

Struck by Auto Driven by Sixteen-year-old Boy.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 3.—Mrs. George A. Taylor, Cambridge Springs, Pa., and her sister, Mrs. Jennie W. Homer, Cleveland, were probably fatally injured when run down by an automobile driven by Francis Gary, 16 years old. Both legs of Mrs. Taylor were crushed, necessitating the amputation of one. Mrs. Homer sustained a fractured skull.

## DENY TRAFFIC WILL BE RESUMED FEB. 1.

International News Service.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The cable report that the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines planned to resume maritime traffic to New York on Feb. 1, was denied by officials of the former company today. This statement was given out.

"On Dec. 15 the Hamburg-American line issued a notice that freight would be accepted for shipment to Hamburg and from Hamburg to New York, the goods to be sent forward when we were able to do so, which, of course, meant after the end of the war. This notice was also issued in Germany. It is likely that the cable report referred to it and that the announcement was garbled by the press on the other side."

## GERMANY CARRIES WAR TO ENGLAND

Entire Coast of British Isles Mined Say Passengers Who Reach New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Germany's real attempt to isolate and starve England is under way. Mines and submarines are being used in this ambitious scheme to shorten the war by famine instead of gun powder.

Passengers who arrived on the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam said today that the entire coast of the British Isles has been mined. Submarines especially built and equipped were used in planting the mines, it was said.

The channel ports of Southampton, Plymouth and Falmouth were mined outside. Then mines were placed off Thameshaven, at the mouth of the Thames river, to catch vessels bound to and from London. Later floating bombs were planted off Liverpool, Bristol, Hull, Glasgow, Cardiff and other ports.

Many ships have been sunk by mines and torpedoes that have never been reported by the British admiralty. It was declared. The British government is taking drastic steps to minimize the effect of Germany's starvation war and to keep news of sea disasters from the public.

Capt. Baron of the Nieuw Amsterdam said that a trawler was blown up in Falmouth harbor with the loss of seven men just a short time before his ship entered. When the Nieuw Amsterdam departed she was preceded by two trawlers with mine nets stretched between them.

All the waters around the United Kingdom are infested by submarines, many of them of the newest type, equipped with four-inch guns. Some of the passengers on the Nieuw Amsterdam said that there is strong belief current in official British circles that Germany cannot help but imperil her relations with the United States and perhaps precipitate a break by the ruthless destruction of ships and human lives.

## MUST LIVE IN KITCHEN

Wife Gets Divorce But Will Not Move Until Spring.

LACROSSE, Wis., Jan. 3.—Until next March George Gerbig must content to live in the kitchen of his home or face contempt of court. His wife may live in the other rooms. This is the decision of Judge Higbee after hearing the evidence in Mrs. Gerbig's suit for divorce. She told the court she could not find another house in the neighborhood of her home near Hillboro, and that she did not want to leave. The division of the premises was made with a view to avoiding future conflicts.

## Neutrals Referred To Note to Wilson

International News Service.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Germany has answered the peace notes of Sweden, Norway and Denmark by referring these countries to the German reply to President Wilson's peace initiative.

A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam today stated that the German reply to the Scandinavian countries was made on Jan. 1.

The German government, after expressing its appreciation of the attitude and the peace desires of the Scandinavian countries, added: "It depends upon the reply of the entente whether the attempt to give back to the world the blessings of peace will be crowned with success."

## ADMIRER SAW RIVAL MURDER HOSEY GIRL

Was Shoved Into Bath Room When Second Suitor Arrived and Witnessed the Slaying.

## BOTH ARE PROMINENT IN PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

Attempt on Part of Mrs. Roberts to Play Two Suitors Led to Tragedy—Woman Began the Attack.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 3.—The baffling search for the slayer of Grace Colbert Roberts, the corset model whose form was described as "divine," narrowed today to two of her many wealthy admirers.

One of these men, according to the police, killed the girl while the other looked on unseen from the bath room. Both are well known to the police, they say and any attempt on their part to leave Philadelphia will lead to their instant arrest. Unless they attempt to get away, the detectives will go ahead and quietly complete their case before making the arrests.

The man who killed the model and the man who looked on from the bath room are both wealthy, according to the police, and both their names are well known in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania society.

The tale unfolded by detectives today is one of the most amazing in the city's criminal annals, and runs the gamut of love, hate, passion, and finally blackmail.

The killing resulted directly from a flash of temper displayed by the pretty model, according to the police. The story as unfolded follows: Mrs. Roberts was "playing" her two suitors heavily. One of these was an up-state man of wealth, socially prominent and eminently respected. The other was a Philadelphia of almost the same description. At the behest of the latter she wrote the up-state man that she was considering breach of promise action, and that the matter had already been placed in the hands of her attorney.

The effect of this letter, it was said, was to bring the up-state man to Philadelphia posthaste. But instead of going to see her lawyer, he went to the luxurious apartment at 15th and Poplar sts.

Pushed Into Bath Room.  
Mrs. Roberts and her Philadelphia admirer watched him as he came up the street. Then the model told her companion that it would never do for him to be seen there at that time, and she literally pushed him into the bath room. She opened the door and admitted the man herself. They talked, and as they talked both grew somewhat angry.

Finally, in a burst of temper, Mrs. Roberts seized the nearest object, which happened to be the bathtub which has figured so prominently in the case, and struck him on the head repeatedly. The man was dazed and the anger already smoldering, flamed into a rage. He started back, knocked her down, and then, throwing caution to the winds, proceeded to kill her.

The man in the bath room escaped unseen by the window. The apartment was a ground floor one and it was easy. The window was left open and was found so by the janitor next day.

The police declare confidently that this is the true story. Whether any arrests will be made today is problematical.

Feared for Her Life.  
A story that the pretty model lived in fear of her life from one of her suitors resulted today in several detectives being thrown on this angle.

The story told the police is that the man, not a resident of Philadelphia, was intensely jealous of Mrs. Roberts and had even threatened to kill her if she persisted in frequenting gay cafes with her other admirers. According to the police, the model told a friend only a few days before her death that this man was "now in Chicago, but is coming home this week, and I am afraid of him."

International News Service.  
CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Nicholas Ritzynski and Peter Kuback are alive today after a fall of 150 feet when two frame towers on which they were working collapsed. Two other men were hurt by falling timbers.

## Claims Germany Is About Ready To Defy World

International News Service.  
CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The Chicago evening American announced this afternoon that it has received information from a confidential source, stating that Germany is preparing to launch a relentless warfare of extermination by air and sea if the allies reject her peace proposals.

"In the office of the German ambassador in Washington there is, according to the information that came to the American, a statement of Germany's plan to the world, a statement of her intentions and plans," said the American. "This statement is ready for release, perhaps within 48 hours, certainly as soon as Germany is convinced that there is no present prospect of peace."

The American's informant added that Germany had prepared for this tremendous onslaught by building: Six hundred and fifty super-submarines and 550 smaller submarines. Two hundred giant Zeppelins. One thousand aeroplanes.

Germany, according to the American's informant, is prepared to serve notice to the world of her intention to blockade the sea, to destroy London and to sink without warning any ships of any nation, neutral or otherwise, bound for any port that has even the slightest connection with the allied nations.

## FRESH PROGRESS MADE BY TEUTONS

Attempts by Russians and Roumanians to Recapture Mont Faltucanu Repulsed.

BERLIN, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 3.—Fresh progress has been scored by the German allies all along the line in Roumania, the war office stated today.

Attempts by the Russians and Roumanians to recapture Mount Faltucanu were repulsed. Between the Husul and Sushitza rivers in Moldavia the Austro-Germans carried several more heights by storm.

Barascel and Topeski have been captured by the Teutons. South of Fokshani the Germans and Austro-Hungarians are assaulting the fortified positions of the Russians defending the town.

After violent hand-to-hand fighting the German allies have occupied Pintecesti and Mera, capturing 400 prisoners.

In Dobruja the Russians have retired into Matchin. German troops in Le Pretre forest penetrated three lines of French trenches, according to the official report of the war office today. After destroying defensive works the Germans withdrew with 12 prisoners. Brighter weather on the Verdun front has given rise to livelier artillery firing.

SLAYER IS KILLED.  
GREENWOOD, Miss., Jan. 3.—Dave Pierce, a Negro, who killed his sweetheart with an axe, was shot and killed early today when a posse stormed the house in which he had barricaded himself and from which he exchanged shots with the officers all night.

## LATEST IN THE NEWS WORLD

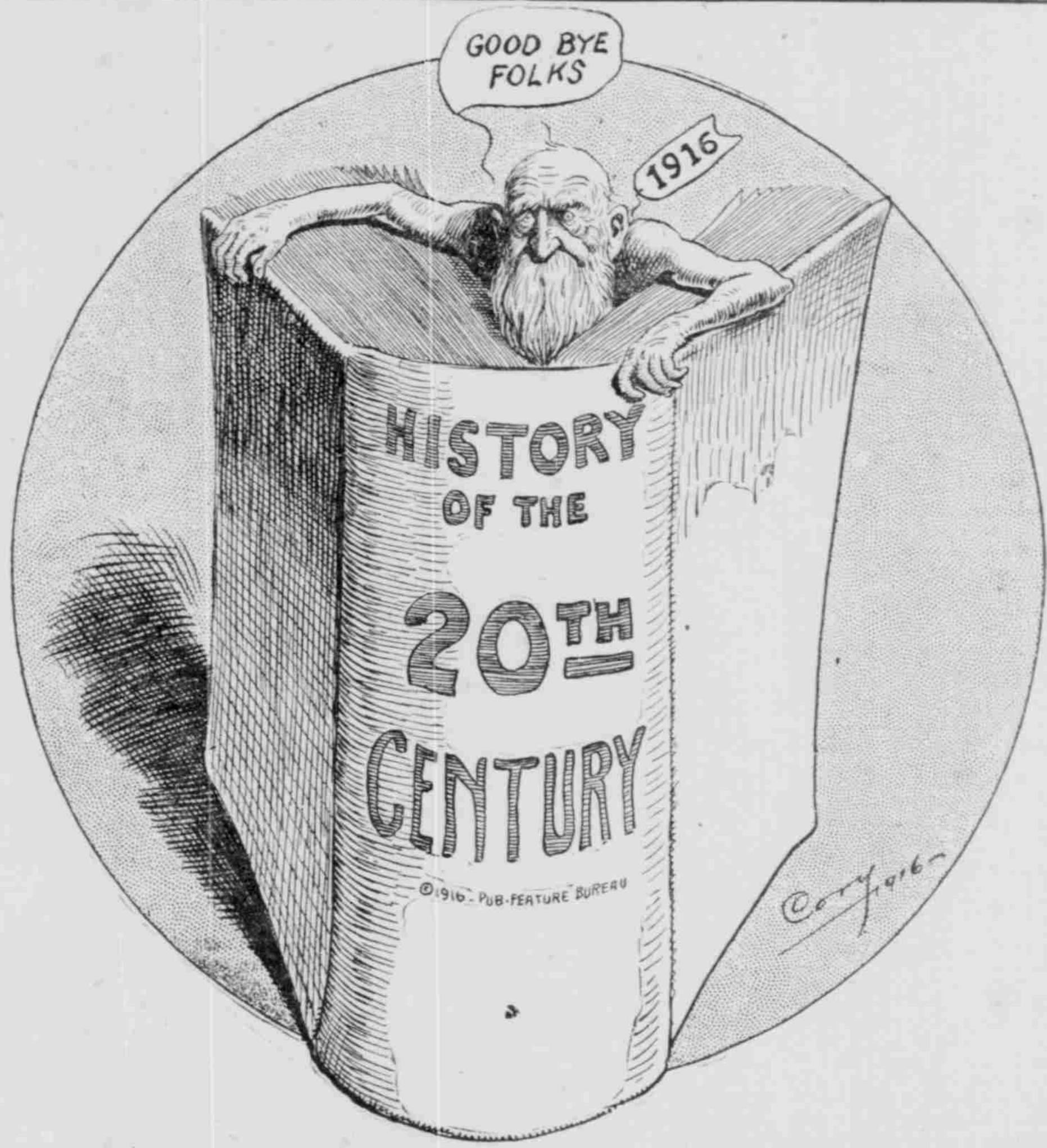
MEXICAN IS HELD.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Juan D. Burns, said to be consul general of Mexico and accredited agent of the de facto government, was arrested here today by agents of the department of justice on charges of conspiracy. Burns' offense is said to be shipping arms and ammunition to Mexico.

Burns was arraigned and held in default of \$10,000 bail.

REPORTED WRECKED.  
GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 3.—The steamer Nestorian which sailed from Galveston with a cargo for the allies valued at \$2,000,000, was reported today to have been wrecked in the Atlantic. The Nestorian carried trinitrotoluenol valued at \$250,000; shells, metal, cotton and wheat.

ARTILLERY BUSY.  
PARIS, Jan. 3.—Artillery duels were in progress last night on both sides of the Somme, in Champagne and in the sector of Dead Man hill, on the Verdun front, the war office announced today. French patrols were active at numerous points on the battle line and made a number of German prisoners.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3.—Gov. Ralston today paroled Edgar Bentley, sentenced from Howard county for wife and child desertion.



HIS FUTURE ABODE

## PROPOSE TAX ON TEA AND COFFEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Import duties on tea and coffee are to be resorted to as a means of filling the coffers of the treasury, now fast emptying. Lumber, live animals, cotton and meats also will be taxed, if the plans now being formulated by Sec'y of the Treasury McAdoo are carried out by congress.

The house ways and means committee and treasury officials have determined to raise at least \$100,000,000 a year by the imposition of additional import duties. They anticipate considerable criticism from republicans of this apparent reversal of the avowed democratic principle of low tariff, but the need of money is sufficiently imperative to override any such scruples, it is said.

A specific duty on coffee will yield \$10,000,000 a year for every cent per pound of duty imposed, according to estimates. One million dollars a year can be raised for every cent per pound on tea.

Furs, cocoa and bananas also are almost certain to be taxed, while silk in various forms is being considered as a favorable object of taxation. The treasury also is expected to recommend an import tax on works of art.

## TORPEDO BATTLESHIP.

BERLIN, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 3.—The French battleship Verite has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean sea near Malta, according to a Milan dispatch to the Zuercher Post. The Verite had been badly damaged near Malta on the occasion of a previous torpedoing.

## FOGARTY TO STAY.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3.—Warden James Fogarty of the state prison at Michigan City, has been asked by Gov.-elect James P. Goodrich to continue in that position. It was reliably reported today.

ASKS INVESTIGATION.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Rep. Wood of Indiana, surprised the house this afternoon by offering a resolution asking a house investigation of Thomas W. Lawson's charges concerning a leak in the administration, to Wall st. On motion of Mr. Wood it was referred to committee on rules with instructions to report back to the house within 10 days.

PARDONS DESERTER.  
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## Amendment is Proposed For Strike Measure

Proposal to Force Employers to Live Up to Arbitration Awards to be Presented.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—An amendment to the president's strike prevention proposal to compel employers to carry out arbitration awards will be drafted at once by Judge William L. Chamber, chairman of the United States board of mediation and conciliation, and John W. Davis, solicitor general of the United States.

This announcement was made after Judge Chambers, before the interstate commerce committee, pointed out the weakness of the bill in this respect. Judge Chambers told the committee that organized labor had a well grounded complaint against the proposed legislation because it failed to provide a method to compel employers to observe awards of arbitration.

"In 90 per cent of the cases," said Judge Chambers, "employers live up to the arbitration award, but there is no means of compelling the other 10 per cent to give the employees the full benefits of the awards."

The judge said Solicitor General Davis agreed with his view. The amendment will be submitted to the committee tomorrow.

Strikes will become as obsolete as duelling eventually, Everett P. Wheeler of the New York Reform Club, predicted before the committee today. He urged the president's strike prevention proposal as "a step in the right direction."

## YOUNG BLOOD CALLED

Eleven French Generals Are Placed on Reserve List.

International News Service.  
PARIS, Jan. 3.—"Young blood" is to direct France's war destinies. One of the first official acts of Gen. Lyautey, the new minister of war, has been to transfer 11 generals to the reserve on account of their advanced age, and replace them with younger men. While Gen. Joffre was in supreme command he surrounded himself with men well up in years.

WOMAN IS SECRETARY.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The first woman to be accorded the privilege of the senate floor, Miss Jessie L. Simpson of St. Louis, today assumed her duties as secretary to the committee on foreign relations. Miss Simpson has been Sen. Stone's secretary for several years.

## STRIKING JACKS HEAVILY GUARDED

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 3.—To halt the activities of I. W. W. workers in the iron range country of Minnesota, the authorities today arrested 250 striking woodsmen and members of the I. W. W. near Cusson and rushed them to Virginia, Minn. The men were placed in a vacant building and a heavy guard stationed to prevent attempts at rescue.

Sporadic outbreaks of violence were reported from various points during the night and the I. W. W.'s continue driving the lumber jacks who will not join them out of their camps.

At Virginia one man was beaten into unconsciousness. At Bemidji hastily armed citizens met a train which had been seized by the strikers and compelled it to move on from town.

## SOLDIERS ARE BEING WASTED IN BALKANS

London Paper Demands They be Withdrawn and Used on Western Front.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A strong demand for the withdrawal of the allied army in the Balkans is printed in Lord Northcliffe's Daily Mail today. The paper contends that if the troops in Macedonia had been upon the western front this year they would have turned the tide and insured a decisive victory for the allies.

The article says in conclusion: "German reserves are not infinite, but they are large enough to render it dangerous for us to waste a single man. Throughout 1916 Saloniki has been such a burden as Gallipoli in 1915. Our soldiers and the allied soldiers did not commit this folly and they would be delighted if it were undone as far as any mistake can be undone."

## Five Ships Sunk During the Day

International News Service.  
LONDON, Jan. 3.—The sinking of two neutral and two allied merchantmen was reported by Lloyd's today. The vessels were the Norwegian steamer Erica, 747 tons; the Swedish steamer Goose Bridge, 1,854 tons; the British steamer Holly Branch, 3,566 tons; and the French sailing ship Aconagua, 1,512 tons.

CREW IS SAVED.  
PARIS, Jan. 3.—The French steamer Leon, 1,401 tons, has been sunk, according to a Brest dispatch today. The crew was saved.

## MESSAGE MAY BE DELIVERED ON THURSDAY

Progress is Made in Diplomatic Exchanges Between London, Paris, Petrograd and Rome.

## LENGTHY REPORT SENT PRESIDENT BY GERARD

Opinion at Washington is That Prospects for a Settlement of Great Conflict Are Not Bright.

International News Service.  
LONDON, Jan. 3.—Diplomatic exchanges between London, Paris, Petrograd and Rome have made such satisfactory progress that it is probable that the allies' answer to President Wilson's note may be handed to Ambassador William G. Sharp in Paris tomorrow.

The reply is said to contain certain statements that were purposely omitted from the reply to the German peace note and these are understood to refer to terms.

The Morning Post, in discussing the war situation today, predicted that if the conflict continued, economic necessities would compel the defeat of the central powers by next autumn.

## GERARD SENDS CABLE.

International News Service.  
BERLIN, Jan. 3.—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, today cabled a lengthy report to President Wilson which is understood to deal with the peace situation.

The American diplomat had previously conferred with the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. It is reported that the conference and the cablegram dealt to some extent with Germany's future intentions as well as the reply which the allies gave to the German peace proposals.

## PEACE FAR OFF.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The pall of gloomy certainty that no immediate results can be expected from the peace moves of the central powers and the United States deepened today.

Administration officials and diplomatic representatives of neutrals and of the Teutonic alliance expect nothing more than the tiniest loophole for the continuance of diplomatic exchanges after the entente power to the Wilson note is received.

The unofficial version of the entente note to the central powers indicates clearly, however, that the burden for continuing the war can be placed by Germany on her enemies, according to diplomats of the central powers. Germany and her allies, they say, have offered to discuss a basis on which peace could be reached, and the entente has refused this.

There is no doubt in official circles that the unofficial outline of the terms on which the entente would consider peace have aroused anger throughout Germany and Austria.

Await Allied Reply.  
Officials here are still expectantly awaiting the reply of France, Great Britain, Russia and Italy to the Wilson note. Forecasts of its tenor have not been encouraging, but they are hoping that it will leave open some way in which a new blow toward bringing about peace can be struck. This attitude is only the expression of a hope, rather than an indication of what can be expected.

The senate stood ready today to put its shoulder to the wheel in an effort to give President Wilson's peace move a new start.

The president, it is understood, has given consent to temporary abandonment of the senate's policy of "hands off" in foreign affairs and will welcome the moral force of a congressional endorsement behind his plea to the belligerent powers for a statement of peace terms.

Administration leaders believe that adoption of the Hitchcock resolution, approving the president's peace note, would give his efforts greater weight in the belligerent capitals. It would show a strong American sentiment backing the peace note they point out.

The senate renewed debate of the president's peace move immediately after reconvening this afternoon. Sen. Hitchcock of Nebraska, urged prompt action on his resolution to endorse the president's peace note.